

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James I. Mahaney et al.  
Serial No.: 10/774,058  
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Examiner: Samica L. Norman  
Art Unit: 3694  
Confirmation No.: 4821  
Title: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING RETIREMENT INCOME  
USING FINANCIAL BRIDGE PRODUCTS AND  
DEFERRED SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The Filing Receipt was received June 10, 2004. Applicants filed a Request for Status on May 22, 2007. An Office Action Summary regarding an Election Restriction was electronically received on July 18, 2007, and a response was filed on September 17, 2007. Applicants again request the status of the case.

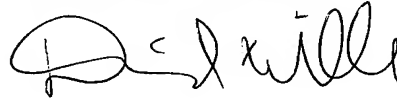
REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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